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on Thursday, 2 April 1992, at 4.30 p.m.

President:	Mr. MUMBENGEGWI	(Zimbabwe)
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	United States of America	Mr. PICKERING
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The meeting was called to order at 4.45 p.m.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT: As this is the first meeting of the Security Council for the month of April, I should like to take this opportunity to pay tribute, on behalf of the Council, to His Excellency Ambassador Diego Arria, Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations, for his service as President of the Security Council for the month of March 1992. I am sure I speak for all members of the Security Council in expressing deep appreciation to Ambassador Arria for the great diplomatic skill and unfailing courtesy with which he conducted the Council's business last month.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

LETTER DATED 2 APRIL 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF VENEZUELA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (S/23771)

The PRESIDENT: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Security Council is meeting in accordance with the request contained in the letter dated 2 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations, document S/23771.

Following consultations among members of the Security Council, I have been authorized to make the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council strongly condemns the violent attacks on and destruction of the premises of the Embassy of Venezuela in Tripoli that took place today. The fact that these intolerable and extremely grave events have been directed not only against the Government of Venezuela but also against and in reaction to Security Council resolution 748 (1992) underlines the seriousness of the situation.

(The President)

"The Council demands that the Government of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya take all necessary measures to honour its international legal obligations to ensure the security of the personnel and to protect the property of the Embassy of Venezuela and of all other diplomatic and consular premises or personnel present in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, including those of the United Nations and related organizations, from acts of violence and terrorism.

"The Council further demands that the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya pay to the Government of Venezuela immediate and full compensation for the damage caused.

"Any suggestion that those acts of violence were not directed against the Government of Venezuela but against and in reaction to resolution 748 (1992) is extremely serious and totally unacceptable."

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on the agenda.

The meeting rose at 4.50 p.m.